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COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: RESTROOM “PARTY” BILL TO BE INTRODUCED TOMORROW

Tomorrow, Honolulu City Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu), will introduce a bill calling for all public restrooms at event facilities such as theaters, stadiums and concert halls, to allocate twice as much space for women’s restrooms as men’s restrooms.

“As a husband and a father who has often had to wait for my wife or daughter to get through a restroom line, I think a ‘potty parity’ bill makes sense. My bill requires women’s restrooms at event facilities to be double the size of male restrooms. My measure seeks to alleviate the all too common problem of long lines at women’s restrooms at theaters, concert halls and other big event venues,” stated Councilmember Djou.

Councilmember Djou’s bill is similar to legislation that was recently enacted into law by New York City and based on legislation crafted by the International Codes Council, a leading non-profit organization that issues the model municipal building code standards. Djou’s bill will likely have its first reading on September 28. The bill requires any new or renovation of a Class A event facility, as defined by the Honolulu Building Code, to allocate twice as much space for female restroom facilities as for male restrooms. The bill does not apply to any residential or non-spectator event commercial properties.

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